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SUBJ: ZAMBIA VERSION OF MAY 18 LIVINGSTONE FIRING INCIDENT

REF: CAPETOWN 0817 NOTAL)

1. STATE HOUSE RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT EVENING MAY 18: "STATE HOUSE SPOKESMAN HAS CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE BETWEEN ZAMBIAN SECURITY FORCES AND RHODESIAN REBEL SOLDIERS ACROSS THE ZAMBESI RIVER IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VICTORIA FALLS AREA. THIS HAPPENED WHEN RHODESIAN SOLDIERS PROVOKED THE ZAMBIAN SECURITY FORCES WHO RESPONDED BY HITTING THEM VERY HARD. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES ON THE ZAMBIAN SIDE. THE ZAMBIAN SECURITY FORCES ARE IN NO MOOD TO STAND THE ARROGANCE AND PROVOCATIONS FROM MARAUDING REBEL SOLDIERS. WHATEVER TROUBLE THE REBEL SOLDIERS ASK FOR, THIS TIME THEY WILL GET IT."

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE AT 1100 AND LASTED FOR TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES AND OCCURRED IN THE VICINITY OF THE BOILING POT AND THE EASTERN CATARACT. PRESS IS REPORTING THAT REPORTS FROM VICTORIA FALLS INDICATE THAT THE NUMBER OF RHODESIAN TROOPS KILLED WAS QUITE SUBSTANTIAL. LOCAL PRESS SAYS THERE WERE NO ZAMBIAN CASUALTIES AND THAT BY AFTERNOON THE SITUATION HAD RETURNED TO NORMAL AND TOURISTS WERE SEEN IN THE KNIFE-EDGE BRIDGE AREA VIEWING THE FALLS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE ZAMBIAN SECURITY FORCES.

3. EVENING OF MAY 18 PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S PRESS SPOKESMAN, MILIMO PUNABANTU REMARKED TO PAO REFERRING TO THE FIRING INCIDENT "THAT YOU CAN BE SURE WHATEVER HAPPENED WE DIDN'T START IT."
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